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MEMORANDUM FOR: Morning Meeting Participants

FROM: George L. Cary
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SUBJECT: Amendments to the Freedom of
Information Act

25X1 1. [] In a recent meeting with the Chairman of the Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence, the Director expressed serious concern
about the impact of the Freedom of Information Act on Agency
activities, not only from the standpoint of the man-hours involved
in record searches, reviews, appeals and litigation, but more
25X1 importantly from the standpoint of the impact which FOIA disclosures
were having in the aggregate on []

25X1 2. [] Chairman Inouye was both sympathetic and receptive to the
Director's concerns and suggested that we draft proposed amendments
to the Freedom of Information Act which might resolve some of these
problems. This office is currently assessing the impact of FOIA
and working on possible amendatory language. An essential part of
this process is the argumentation to go with amendatory language
stating the impact of the FOIA and giving examples of the difficulties
which we have experienced as a result of it.

25X1 3. [] I am aware that there are some differences of opinion as to
whether or not FOIA has in fact has a negative or harmful impact on
Agency activities and operations. With this in mind I would appreciate
receiving your comments and suggestions plus any documentation you
can give on your position on this subject by 15 January 1978.

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